

REMARKS

The Official Action of February 24, 2005, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application are now claims 15-22, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled in favor of new claims 15-22 which remain in the application for consideration.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Applicant has canceled these claims in favor of new claims 21 and 22 which have been rewritten to eliminate each of the problems identified by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has now been overcome.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 8 and 10-12 would be allowable subject to being rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has combined the features of independent claim 5 and allowable claim 8 in new independent claim 15, and rewritten allowable claim 14 as new independent claim 22, amended to overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, rejection as noted above. Dependent claims 16-18 respectively correspond to original

claims 7, 10 and 11, and dependent claims 20 and 21 respectively correspond to original claims 12 and 13.

Applicant has further added a new independent claim 19 which combined the features of original claims 5 and 9.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 15, dependent claims 16-18, and 21 dependent therefrom, and independent claim 22 are now allowable as they incorporate the allowable features of allowable claims 8 and 10-12.

With regard to new independent claim 19, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Vu Khac '942.

Applicant does not agree that holes (14) (15) (16) formed in base (9) of Vu Khac form vent means that include "a recessed portion defined in the forward surface of the lower seat back portion." Applicant submits that the recessed portion (7) of Vu Khac is not included in the identified vent means of Vu Khac, as that portion is described to be "return grooves" intended to define the entrant lines in a cover surrounding the padding (see Col. 3, lines 48-50 of Vu Khac) and is clearly not part of the vent means.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently

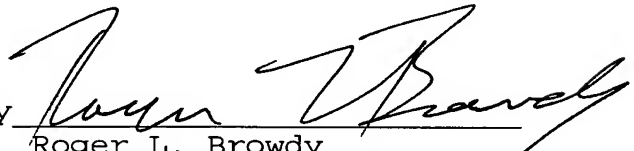
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pertinent to warrant their applications against any of
applicant's claims.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are
earnestly solicited.

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